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C O N F I D E N T I A L BAGHDAD 480

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, IZ

SUBJECT: GOI AND KURDISH CONFLICT

REF: BAGHDAD 348 (NOTAL)

1. DESPITE BEST GOI EFFORTS TO PORTRAY SITUATION IN NORTH AS CALM AND TO SHOW CONSTITUTIONAL PROGRESS, THERE IS LITTLE EVIDENCE IN BAGHDAD TO SUGGEST THAT REGIME IS MAKING PROGRESS IN RESOLVING KURDISH CONFLICT. ON CONTRARY, HIGH LEVEL DEL HEADED BY BAATH PARTY LEADER NAIM HADDAD AND INCLUDING KURDISH MINISTERS OBEIDALLAH BARZANI (ELDEST SON OF MULLA MUSTAFA) AND AZIZ AKRAWI WAS HASTILY ASSEMBLED AND DISPATCHED ON AUGUST 7 TO LEBANON, EGYPT, AUSTRIA, FINLAND, UK, FRG, FRANCE, AND SWEDEN TO GAIN  
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SUPPORT FOR GOI KURDISH POLICY. EMBASSIES CONCERNED

HAD LESS THAN 24 HOURS NOTICE AND WERE OF COURSE UNABLE TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR MEETINGS WITH POLITICAL FIGURES.

2. BIG MOVE ON CONSTITUTIONAL FRONT WAS RCC DECISION ON JULY 30 WHICH NAMED 60 OF 80 MEMBERS TO SERVE ON KURDISH REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL. NONE OF 60 PROMINENT, EVEN TO OTHER KURDS. PRESS IMPLIES THAT

REMAINING 20 SEATS BEING HELD OPEN FOR KURDS WHO DEFECT FROM BARZANI.

3. VIRTUALLY NO INFO AVAILABLE HERE ON FIGHTING. INDIAN MILATT TOLD ME THAT ARMY HAD TAKEN 300 CASUALTIES IN ATTEMPT TO BREAK THROUGH STRATEGICPASS OF GALI ALI BEG ABOUT SIX WEEKS AGO AND SINCE THEN ARMY HAS NOT LAUNCHED NEW OFFENSIVE DRIVE. GOVERNMENT CLAIMS SULIAMANIYAH BACK TO NORMAL AND UNIVERSITY RE-OPENED. AT ABOUT SAME TIME FUNERAL SERVICES HELD IN BAGHDAD FOR ASSASSINATED CPI LEADER OF SULIAMANIYAH.

4. KURDISH PAPER TARIQ ASH-SHAAB HAS BECOME STRAIGHT GOVERNMENT LINE SINCE TAKEN OVER LAST MARCH. TV OCCASIONALLY SHOWS PICTURES OF KURDS WHO ALLEGEDLY DEFECTED FROM BARZANI, BUT THEIR DEMEANOR IS MORE LIKE POWS. IN SHORT, GOI HAS FAILED TO PROVIDE CONVINCING CASE TO BAGHDAD AUDIENCE THAT KURDISH CONFLICT UNDER CONTROL. KOWRIE

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